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MASSACHUSETTS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO MANCHESTER BANK ROBBERY

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Kenneth W. Kaiser, the Special Agent-in-Charge of the Boston Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Manchester Police Chief John Jaskolka, announce that Reinaldo Ortiz, age 25, of Boston, Massachusetts pled guilty yesterday in U.S. District Court in connection with the robbery of the Bank of New Hampshire branch located on Beech Street in Manchester, NH, on March 6, 2002. Ortiz admitted his guilt to the robbery during a hearing before U. S. District Court Chief Judge Stephen J. McAuliffe. He was detained pending sentencing which is scheduled for November 30, 2005.

Ortiz was indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of Bank Robbery on January 19, 2005 after a lengthy investigation.

U. S. Attorney Colantuono stated; "New Hampshire is fortunate to have experienced federal and local law enforcement agents who are dedicated, as this office is, to investigate and prosecute any person who engages in robbery and they will be held accountable for their actions."

The successful prosecution of this case resulted from the collaborative efforts of the Manchester Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert J. Veiga.